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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals under 37 CFR 1.191(a) to the Board of Appeals and Interferences from the last decision of the Examiner dated March 8, 2004 finally rejecting Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 9, 10, 12-18. The fee for this Notice of Appeal is \$330.00 (37 CFR 1.17(b)).

A timely response to the final rejection has been filed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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